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**Preliminary Point to Ponder:** Is there a difference between "choosing to serve" and "choosing to be a servant/having a servant's heart"?

Notes:

"Of all the spiritual disciplines, service is the most conducive to the growth of the grace of humility within us. This is good news indeed, for we all know that humility is not one of those things that comes to us by trying to get humility. No, we must come at this most prized virtue through the indirect route of routine acts of service." *-Nathan Foster* 

John 13:1-17 - Base outline from Harold Wilmington

- The Passover Feast (v. 1)
- The Plot (v. 2)
- The Particulars (vv. 3-5)
- The Protest (vv. 6-11)
- The Pattern (vv. 12-17)

Joshua 24:14-24

"In our world, the more important you are, the more people there are who serve you. In His world, the more important you are, the more people you serve." -Daniel Akin

Radical Call to Leadership- Mark 10:41-44; Radical new value system- new to them- SHOULD be second nature to us

Why a servant/slave? Such a person has the mind of Christesteeming others better than himself, not giving attention to his own interests, but to those of others (Philippians 2:3-5)

"The Kingdom is oriented not toward power but toward service. Greatness is therefore measured not by one's status or power but by one's commitment to serving others in Jesus' name." *–Alan Culpepper* 

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"Serve	Notes:
• - Where you can	
• - When you can	
• - How you can	
• - Who you can."	
-Jim McGuiggan, God of the Towel	
Service vs. Selfies	
Self-righteous Service vs. True Service	
(Richard Foster, Celebration of Discipline)	
Self-righteous service comes through human effort.	
True service comes from a relationship with the divine Other deep	
inside.	
inside.	
Self-righteous service is impressed with the "big deal."	
True service finds it almost impossible to distinguish the small from	
the large service.	
the large service.	
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Self-righteous service requires external rewards. It needs to know	
that people see and appreciate the effort.	
True service rests contented in hiddenness.	
Self-righteous service is highly concerned about results	
True service is free of the need to calculate results.	
Self-righteous service picks and chooses whom to serve.	
True service is indiscriminate in its ministry.	
Self-righteous service is affected by moods and whims.	
True service ministers simply and faithfully because there is a need.	
Self-righteous service is temporary.	
True service is a life-style.	
Self-righteous service is insensitive.	
True service can withhold the service as freely as perform it.	
Self-righteous service fractures community.	
True service builds community. It quietly and unpretentiously goes	
about caring for the needs of others. It draws, binds heals, builds."	
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